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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clallam County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Sandra Lavoie Christie** (RN00055594). Christie reported to work smelling heavily of alcohol, slurring her words, acting belligerent, and seeming unable to walk or stand unassisted. She was sent home from work and never returned to her job.

### **Clark County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Margaret M. Barr** (RN00101723). Barr failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In March 2011 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order to indefinitely suspend the license of physician **Kenneth I. Hunt** (MD00012628). Hunt failed to comply with a previous commission order.

In February 2011 the Medical Commission suspended the license of physician and surgeon **Jeffrey Wong** (MD00041288). Wong had aberrant and hostile behavior towards hospital administration and staff. He was asked to resign by the hospital for his conduct. During surgeries, he created an unreasonable risk of harm to patients by distracting other on the surgery team, and he disregarded hospital protocols and procedures potentially causing patient harm.

### **King County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Marissa F. Barroga** (NA00181007). Barroga neglected a patient by failing to follow up on a toe injury, resulting in the injury becoming gangrenous. She also failed to notify the patient's daughter of the injury.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Buba A. Ceesay** (NC10044920). Ceesay took a cell phone that belonged to a resident without permission. Ceesay was also convicted of third degree assault in 2010.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Beverly S. McTyer** (NC10054728). McTyer came to work under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. She refused to submit to a drug screen as requested by her employer, but later admitted that she had been under the influence of various prescription drugs and had been drinking prior to her shift.

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Sean T. Robertson** (RN00171744). Robertson admitted to diverting controlled substances from his place of employment on more than one occasion. He said he had been drinking alcohol and using marijuana and methamphetamine; he violated an agreement that placed conditions on his license.

In March 2011 the Health Care Assistant and Surgical Technologist Programs suspended the credentials of **Elizabeth Ann Strom** (HC00150325, ST60092911). Strom took expired medication and syringes from her place of employment.

### **Pierce County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Sarah M. Bain** (RN00161217). Bain failed to comply with a previous stipulation.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Adiah Hoppa-Baines Sutton** (NA60068245). Sutton took \$20 from a resident's room without permission.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program withdrew the December 2010 statement of charges without prejudice against certified nursing assistant **Victoria P. Infante** (NC10019270).

### **Pend Oreille County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Bowdeen Mac Arthur** (NC10081499). Mac Arthur was convicted of vehicular manslaughter in the District Court for Bonner County Idaho.

### **Snohomish County**

In March 2011 the Medical Commission accepted the surrender of the license of physician **Stephen R. Yarnall** (MD00008510). Yarnall agrees not to return to practice in Washington. In connection with the surrender of the license, the commission withdrew the July 2010 statement of charges alleging Yarnall's non-compliance with the conditions of an earlier order.

### **Spokane County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Jessica L. Realing** (NA00194136). Realing took money from residents' rooms without permission.

In February 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credentials of **Dawnetta L. Sparks** (HC60046955, HC00144025). Sparks failed to respond to a department inquiry regarding a complaint made against her. She got various prescriptions filled that she claimed were authorized by a physician, and they were not

### **Stevens County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Dorothy Dobbs** (NC10023148). Dobbs was the entity representative of an adult family home where she neglected a vulnerable adult by having inadequate staff available at the facility. The patient drowned in a pond at the home while there was only one caregiver on duty.

### **Thurston County**

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Manuela P. Hines** (NC10068793). Hines tested positive for codeine, methadone, and methadone metabolites during a drug screen administered by the facility where she worked.

In March 2011 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified emergency medical technician **Jerry Dale Kessler** (ES60089093). Kessler failed to comply with a previous agreement.

### **Yakima County**

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the reactivation application and suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Cindy M. Pulido** (NA00180327). Pulido was convicted of third degree theft and shoplifting in 2008. She was also convicted of shoplifting in 2009.

## Out of State

**Alaska:** In February 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Kelly L. Brown** (RN30021196). Brown was reprimanded by the state of Alaska and her license to practice as a registered nurse there was restricted. Brown was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance in federal court in 2010. She also surrendered her license to practice as a registered nurse in Arizona.

**Florida:** In March 2011 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Rhonda L. Taffer** (RN60099816). Taffer's license to practice nursing in Arizona was revoked.

**Idaho:** In February 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of licensed practical nurse **Debi R. Eisenbeis** (LP00039255). Eisenbeis failed to comply with a previous order.

**Missouri:** In March 2011 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Sasha Drury** (RN60052375). Drury's application to practice nursing in Arizona was denied and any temporary certificate to practice was revoked. Drury's license to practice nursing in California was revoked.

**Missouri:** In February 2011 the Dental Commission summarily suspended the license of dentist **John C. Kennedy** (DE00008379). Kennedy is prohibited from practicing dentistry in Missouri for treating patients while under the influence of trace methamphetamine. His license to practice dentistry in Kansas was also suspended based upon the Missouri action.

**Oregon:** In March 2011 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order suspending the license of physician assistant **Eduardo R. Valenzuela** (PA10004788). Valenzuela was reprimanded by the Oregon Medical Board and the board accepted his license surrender to practice as a physician assistant in that state; he cannot apply for an active license in Oregon for at least two years.

**Wisconsin:** In March 2011 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Heather A. Foth** (MA00012183). Foth advertised as a massage practitioner and provided massage to clients at a time when she didn't hold a Washington massage practitioner license.

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